

MINUTES OF THE  
MARICOPA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
BUILDING CODES COMMITTEE

February 15, 2006

Maricopa Association of Governments Office  
Cholla Room  
Phoenix, Arizona

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Bob Lee, Cave Creek, Chairperson  
\*Dennis Dixon, Apache Junction  
Ken Sowers, Avondale  
Phil Marcotte, Buckeye  
\*Mike Tibbett, Carefree  
A - Alex Banachowski, Chandler  
Art Swanson, El Mirage  
\*Peter Johnson, Fountain Hills  
\*John Smith, Gila Bend  
\*Jo Rene DeVeau, Gila River Indian  
Community  
A - Ray Patten, Gilbert  
Jim Fox for Deborah Mazoyer, Glendale  
Ed Kulik, Goodyear  
\*Chuck Ransom, Litchfield Park  
Tom Ewers, Maricopa County

Dean Wise, Mesa  
\*Armando Rivas, Paradise Valley  
David Nakagawara, Peoria  
Tom Wandrie, Phoenix  
Dennis Street for Queen Creek  
\*Larry Francis, Salt River Pima Indian  
Community  
\*Michael Clack, Scottsdale  
Forrest Fielder, Surprise  
A - Michael Williams, Tempe  
Mario Rochin, Tolleson  
\*Lyle Murdock, Wickenburg  
Bob Cooperider, Youngtown  
Rachel Aja for Rus Brock, Home Builders  
Association

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mary Carson, Vent-Free Gas Products  
Alliance  
Sue Walker, Vent-Free Gas Products  
Alliance  
Kathy Senseman, Southwest Gas

Robert Palmer, Southwest Gas  
Steve Gross, MAG  
Dennis Smith, MAG  
Anubhav Bagley, MAG

\*Those members neither present nor represented by proxy.

A-Those members participating via audioconference

V-Those members participating via videoconference

1. Call to Order

The Chairperson, Bob Lee, Town of Cave Creek, called the meeting of the MAG Building Codes Committee to order, at 2:00 p.m.

2. Introductions

Members of the committee introduced themselves.

3. November 16, 2005 Meeting Minutes

Bob Lee stated that there are no meeting minutes from the January 2006 MAG Building Codes Committee (BCC) meeting because a quorum was not obtained. Instead, January 2006 meeting notes were included in the agenda packet. It was moved by Tom Ewers, seconded by Jim Fox and unanimously recommended to approve the November 16, 2005 meeting minutes.

4. Call to the Audience

No comments were made by the audience.

5. Comments From the Committee

Rachel Aja announced that there is a conference call on the differences between the 2003 and 2006 IRC, February 28, 2006 at 9 a.m. at 3200 E. Camelback. She said that members could RSVP to (602) 274-6545.

Bob Lee stated that the IBC update was excellent.

David Nakagawara announced that there is a central Arizona chapter ICC banquet February 26, 2006. It is \$45 to attend and members can RSVP to him.

David Nakagawara reported that Senate Bill 1497 was heard before the economic development committee and the bill passed eight to nothing.

Bob Lee announced that the 2006 IBC and some other related codes are now available and that they are planned to be in effect for MAG jurisdictions on July 1, 2007.

Bob Lee mentioned that the Plumbing Code Committee met in January 2006 for the first time since October 2004. He noted that the representative for central Arizona code officials was Larry Stump.

Bob Lee announced that there is an AZBO Education Institute April 24-28, 2006 in Prescott, Arizona. Mr. Swanson stated that the class schedule for AZBO is not posted on the Web site. Mr. Nakagawara stated that the Web site is down and has been transferred to another Internet provider.

Mr. Fielder said that there is an air pollution summit to reach out to communities to get them to actively enforce air quality standards for PM10.

Bob Lee mentioned that there is an Energy Conference at the Black Canyon conference center. It is \$75 to attend.

6. Ventless Heaters

Bob Lee introduced two guest speakers: Mary Carson, Program Director for Vent-Free Gas Products Alliance and Kathy Senseman, Supervisor/Corporate Public Affairs for Southwest Gas Corporation. They gave a presentation on Ventless Gas Appliances and the work they had done in educating code writing organizations and code enforcers about their products. Bob Lee thanked Mary Carson for her informative PowerPoint presentation and handouts.

Tom Ewers asked for clarification in the handout regarding the 2003 IPC that allows use of alternative heat source, and does this apply for 2006 edition. Ms. Carson responded yes. Mr. Ewers stated that Maricopa County has open burning restrictions and he asked if this product interferes with the burning restriction. Ms. Carson replied that she was not aware of any issues.

Forest Fielder asked about the status of this with regards to liquid petroleum gas (LPG). Ms. Carson replied it is available for both fuel types but was not convertible from one to the other.

7. Blue Stake Law

Bob Lee presented the Blue Stake Law resolution. Mr. Lee mentioned that he would like to know the status of the law and technology for ARS 40-360. Committee members and meeting attendees discussed the resolution. The vote on the motion failed with Messrs. Banachowski, Cooperider, Lee, Nakagawara, Patten, and Sowers voting yes; Messrs. Ewers, Fielder, Fox, Kulik, Marcotte, Rochin, Street, and Swanson, voting no; Messrs. Williams, Wise, and Ms. Aja abstaining. Comments from all members who voted against the resolution were received.

Bob Lee said he would make revisions to the Blue Stake Law Resolution and have a revised version to present at the March MAG BCC meeting.

8. Storage Space Lighting

This item was deferred to the next meeting of the MAG Building Codes Committee.

9. Updated MAG Building Codes Committee Membership

This item was deferred to the next meeting of the MAG Building Codes Committee.

10. Update Survey of Code Adoption

This item was deferred to the next meeting of the MAG Building Codes Committee.

11. Topics for Future Agendas

This item was deferred to the next meeting of the MAG Building Codes Committee.

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.